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Our large special stock of Christmas Handkerchiefs is now open. An early selection gives you the choicest patterns.

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## BY TELEGRAPH. GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

### New Discoveries in Alaska Reported Today. Immense Excitement at Dawson City and Dyea.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 15.—The steamer Al Ki is in port here and brings new and wonderful discoveries of more gold in the Klondike region. There seems no doubt that the new discoveries are as great as those that excited the whole country at the first discoveries in Alaska. Charles G. Warren of this city was a passenger on the steamer just in. He says that there have been made new discoveries of richest placer diggings near Dyea. When he left, miners were burying with all their effects from Dyea to the new fields, which were 96 miles distant. The excitement was intense. Prospectors in the new fields are said to have made themselves rich in a single day picking out gold. Enormous prices were paid for any conveyance that promised transfer from Dyea to the new fields, and the rush amounted to a stampede. News is also brought down on the Al Ki of a very rich discovery on Deadwood Creek only 7 miles from Dawson City on the opposite side of the Yukon. A small mining city was on its way there. Another rich strike of placer gold has been found in Klondike, this time 100

miles from Dyea. There is another stampede to these new diggings. The gold excitement increases in Klondike, and it is believed that the discoveries have only begun. **Killed by President's Train.** Pittsburg, Pa., December 15.—The special train bearing President McKinley, Mrs. McKinley, the members of the cabinet, and a number of friends of the family, passed through Pittsburg early this morning enroute from Canton to Washington. Twenty minutes after the train left Canton last night it struck and instantly killed Louis Moineau, a laborer walking on the track. His head was torn from his body. The president was much disturbed at the distressing accident. The party reached Washington shortly before 11 o'clock today. **Congressional Recess.** Washington, D. C., December 25.—The holiday recess was voted today from next Saturday to January 5. The house today is considering the appropriation bills.

## DEMOCRATIC POLICY.

Law Making Statesmen of the Faith "Caucus in Washington.

Are Against the Greenback Idea of the President

And Hostile to His Treatment of the Cuban Question.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The caucus of the Democratic members of the house of representatives resulted in the adoption of resolutions defining the party policy on the questions of Cuba, finance and bankruptcy. The caucus was largely attended, 100 of the 125 Democratic members being present. Representative Bailey of Texas presented the following resolutions:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this caucus that the Democratic members of the house of representatives ought to resist all efforts, direct or indirect, to retire the greenbacks and treasury notes. "Resolved, second, that we are opposed to and will resist all attempts to extend the privilege of national banks or to reduce the taxes which they now pay. "Resolved, third, that we favor an early consideration and passage of the senate resolution recognizing that a condition of war exists in the island of Cuba between the government of Spain and the Cuban people. "Resolved, fourth, that we favor the early enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law."

The resolutions on finance and Cuba were considered separately, the discussion being vigorous and unanimously favorable. Mr. Bailey made the main speech, urging that Democratic members should take the position promptly against these financial movements now assuming formidable dimensions owing to the recommendations given to them by the president and secretary of the treasury. He also spoke for a clear-cut position in favor of the recognition of Cuban belligerency embodied in the Morgan resolution which passed the senate during the extra session. There was a dissenting voice to Mr. Bailey's propositions, and the first three resolutions were carried by a unanimous vote, the result being received with hearty cheers. The fourth feature met with some opposition. Mr. DeArmond of Missouri argued that it was not expedient for the party to take a position favorable to a bankruptcy bill at this time. The resolution finally prevailed by a large majority.

## SINECURES IN WASHINGTON.

Clerks Have a Month's Sick Leave as Well as a Vacation.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Tuesday the house, after a session of about two hours, adjourned out of sympathy for the president. The time of the session was devoted to the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Mr. Bingham said that he and his colleagues on the appropriation committee felt satisfied that a reduction of from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 could be made in the salaries of subordinate officers by a process of weeding without in any way impairing the government service, and therefore every suggestion from heads of departments for increases of salaries had been rejected. He called attention to the provisions of the bill curtailing the sick leave allowed clerks which had been greatly abused. Investigation had shown that in addition to the regular 30-day leave, 16 per cent of the clerks obtained each year 30 days' sick leaves. Mr. Bingham did not discuss the appropriation providing for the maintenance of the civil service commission, but stated that the widest latitude would be allowed for debate, even if it should run over the holiday recess. Mr. Barrett insisted that the law was a Republican measure, passed by Republican votes, and that the party was irrevocably committed to the policy of civil service reform. The Republicans

## BY TELEGRAPH. BONAI'S CRIMES.

### On Cross-Examination Today He Tells of New Crimes. Says Weeks Shot Nichols.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 15.—The session today at the trial of Charles A. Boinay for the murder of Marcus Nichols was taken up by the cross examination of the prisoner. State Attorney Fessenden had a complete record of Boinay's crimes, and the work of the accused, covering a period of 14 years was exposed to the jury in all its blackness. The prisoner was forced to admit crimes after crimes committed in New York state and Pennsylvania in which the victims were either bound, gagged or threatened with death. Boinay displayed remarkable indifference even while on the rack, and from the first to the last insisted that Weeks fired all the shots on the night of the Nichols murder, notwithstanding his warning to him that the shooting was dangerous and unnecessary.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 15.—It was the prevailing impression that when Charles Boinay took the witness stand at his trial for the murder of Mr. Nichols he would bring to light many things that would place the Weeks family in an unenviable light, nor were the auditors at Tuesday's session disappointed. For upwards of three hours he detailed the chief acts in his 35 years of life, making no effort to conceal the bad nor try to palliate his crimes. The impression he created was varied, but there was no mistaking the expressions of sympathy of many of the women as he told of his repeated attempts to lead an honest life, and how the mother of his wife begged him to return to the work at which he could make money more easily. He pictured the entire family as tainted with crime, excepting his young wife, and he spared her in his

story of the family's dishonesty, notwithstanding her desertion and betrayal of him. The dramatic feature of his testimony took place when he accused David Weeks, his accomplice, of firing the shots that resulted in the murder. It was the counterpart of a recent famous trial, where one of the participants foisted the crime upon the accomplice, and the latter in his testimony directly accused his betrayer of being the actual murderer.

The testimony of the prisoner previous to the recess was but the prelude to the great drama of life and death in which he was battling, and upon the court reassembling without further ado he commenced to rehearse the scenes and incidents connected with the murder with which he was charged. All doubts as to the truth of Weeks's statement, that these two men were the ones implicated in the shooting of Farmer Nichols, were dispelled by Boinay's testimony.

Up to the time of the actual committing of the crime, both men's stories agreed, but the contradictory point was reached when he came to tell about the shooting of which he accuses Weeks of being guilty. As told by the prisoner both men held in their right hands 38-calibre revolvers as they forced open the door, which opened more easily than they anticipated. "We landed in the middle of the floor," said the witness, "and as we did so, Mr. Nichols exclaimed 'Get out of here.' We told him to hold up his hands, to which he unexpectedly responded by hitting me over the head with his lantern. This dazed me, and I dropped my revolver. Then Weeks fired two shots, and Nichols fell to the floor. Miss Nichols ran upstairs one flight and down another, and I followed her. While I was upstairs I heard two more shots fired."

## EVERYBODY TO SUFFER

Schedule Agreed Upon For the Wage System in Fall River.

Agents and Superintendents Reduced With Workers.

Weavers of Print Cloths to Receive Sixteen Cents a Cut.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 15.—Under the new schedule arranged by the manufacturers' committee the price for weaving a cut of 64c for print cloths will be reduced from 18 to 16 cents, and the reduction in all other departments, without reserve, will be the equivalent of 11 1/2 per cent. Contrary to report, the schedule now in use was made the basis for the new one, and no changes will be made beyond the reduction. Secretary Rounseville said that in the matter of odds which are being so commonly manufactured as to be practically staple goods, each mill will be allowed to figure its own prices, merely cutting the specified per cent from the prices now paid. On sumptuous wages each mill will figure the new price as it becomes necessary by reason of changes in number of yards spun. It is the expectation and recommendation of the committee that the salaries of all administrative officers be reduced 11 1/2 per cent from the figures.

The matter of an address to the operatives is settled, and there will be none, nor will there be a conference between the manufacturers and the representatives of the operatives unless the need of such should become necessary to avert trouble, when there is a possibility that something of the kind would be brought into the situation. It is hoped by the members of the committee that the fact that the cut is general and includes treasurers and superintendents in the same ratio as the operatives will lead the latter to accept the situation, for which the manufacturers feel there is no remedy save that taken. The salaries of men in general favor the reduction of their incomes as well as the wages of the operatives not only as an expression of good faith, but on a business basis.

**Amicable Settlement Reached.** Brooklyn, Dec. 15.—The trouble at the George E. Keith shoe company's factory is at an end, and the men returned to work this morning at the schedule of prices paid at the old shop under the present agreement. This arrangement includes both shops and was made at a conference between the shop's crews and the firm.

It is understood that the men want an increase over the schedule on certain grades of goods. The new price list to be entered upon when the present one expires the first of the year will be arranged hereafter between the firm and men, and in the meantime the present list will be used in both factories. Seven masters at Field Bros' shoe factory left work yesterday, leaving only one tack puller and one operator of the old crew at work. The question of wages is causing the trouble, the men claiming they cannot make \$9 a week.

**Trouble in a Shoe Factory.** Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 15.—The first strike of shoe workers against a constant reduction occurred yesterday afternoon in the factory of Thayer, Maguire & Field. The reduction was ordered last week and affected the heel burnishers.

## Have You

Decided what to buy for Christmas? Just take a look at our windows, examine our show cases and long counters laden with practical gifts for men and boys. Now's the chance for the ladies, while there is a little lull on account of warm weather. If you have

## A---- Holiday Want

For man or boy satisfy it at Cutting Corner this week. New clothing, consisting of suits, overcoats, reefers and ulsters, for men and boys, at popular prices. Night shirts, pajamas, leather sets, umbrellas, valises and dress suit cases, neckwear, mufflers, caps, gloves, &c., &c. Not one that is not acceptable and practical. Buy today.

**C. H. CUTTING & CO.,**  
Wholesale Retailers, Cutting Corner.

## What Shall the Present Be?



Of whom are you thinking? Father, mother, sister or brother? There's not a one of them but would be more than tickled with a pair of fine SLIPPERS from our stock. Genuine Alligator \$2, Bottle-Green Douglass, lined with white kid, \$1.50. Big line of other grades 50c. to \$1.25.

**J. T. MULCARE,**  
Sole Agent for W. L. Douglas Shoes.

## The Ties of Friendship

Are of a lasting quality. Our HOLIDAY TIES are of this kind, and will prove a most useful gift. Puffs, Ascots, Four-in-Hands, Full Dress Shields, the finest silks and latest styles; Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Mittens, Night Robes, Bath Robes, Dress Suit Cases, Umbrellas, Sweaters, Caps, etc., at lowest prices.

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BOLAND BLOCK, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.  
Every description of Insurance.

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Umbrellas, close rollers, with natural wood handles. Canes in great variety, plain and silver mounted. Smoking Jackets in a variety of materials and colors. Bath Robes, Turkish and Lambswool. Dress Suit Cases, Alligator, Russet and Cream colors. Silk Handkerchiefs of Japanese or Pongee. Linen Handkerchiefs of the finest Irish linen. Neck scarfs, flowing ends, four-in-hands, tecks and puffs. Suspensers, web and silk. Gloves for walking or driving. Full Dress Shields, silk and quilted satin. Cuff Buttons, gold, silver and enamelled. Scarf Pins, many novel designs.

Besides collars and cuffs, shirts, night robes, pajamas and everything pertaining to gentlemen's wear. And coming from here, they are sure to be highest grade and correct in style.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Colder. Clearing tonight, fair Thursday, colder southerly winds shifting to westerly.



AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

Dandelion Greens in December—  
Plumbing and Gas Fitting—  
More Real Estate Sold—To Re-  
organize Young Men's Classes—  
To Furnish the New Club Room—  
A Severe Storm.

A Severe Storm.

The storm of Tuesday was severe. The rain, mixed with a little snow and considerable sleet, fell fast most of the day and a high east wind gathered strength as the storm progressed. By the latter part of the afternoon it was blowing a gale and many an umbrella went to pieces before the blast. Within a very short time four were turned wrong side out between the Walley bridge and Crosier's market. One of them was carried by a little girl, and a man who happened to be near by said that when the wind got under her umbrella she was lifted from the ground and did not land till the umbrella went to pieces. A. S. Laliberte had an unpleasant experience. He was going up Cole avenue with his niece when suddenly the borrowed umbrella which he carried was caught by the gale and made to look as though an overgrown puppy had been amusing himself with it. The wind next took Mr. Laliberte's hat over a high wire fence into a plowed field, which under the influence of the rain was exceedingly mellow, and there the hat scooped around like a living thing, leading its owner a chase that would have been very hot if it had not been for the cooling effects of the wind and rain. Mr. Laliberte finally regained possession of his hat and with his niece took shelter in a trolley car for Main street. Others had unpleasant experiences and the unanimous verdict was that it was a "rough day to be out."

To Re-organize the Classes.

Rev. Theodore Sedgwick is getting ready to re-organize the classes for young men, in which much good work was done last winter, when the sessions were held in St. John's parish room. It is now proposed to have three rooms in Gale's block one for each class. It is expected that students will volunteer to teach, as they did last winter, and that the work will be even more successful than before. Some are becoming interested who took no part last winter and a very pleasant and profitable season's work is anticipated.

More Real Estate Sold.

At an adjourned sale held Tuesday forenoon in the office of Judge Tenney, A. E. Hall, administrator, sold at auction the P. R. Cole homestead at Coleville to Mrs. Anna Ruether, wife of Fred Ruether, for \$1,800. The property consists of a house and barn, three acres of land and two small tenement houses, and is located not far from the saw-mill property, which was recently bought by Mrs. Ruether. Mr. and Mrs. Ruether will repair the house and move into it and Arthur Ruether will store ice in the saw-mill building for use in the people's market.

Dandelion Greens in December.

Mrs. William Walden of Springfield, who is in her 73rd year, picked a mass of dandelion greens in her garden Saturday morning, December 11, and they were very nice and tender. If the ground does not freeze she will pick another mass soon. Dandelion greens in December except the canned article, are a rarity in this part of the country.

To Furnish the Room.

At a meeting of the Cosmopolitan club Monday evening D. J. Neyland, C. S. Cole and C. M. Smith were appointed a committee to procure estimates on furnishing the room that has just been added to the club's quarters in the Gale block. It is probable that the furnishings will include

A ROMANTIC ENGLISHMAN.

Mr. Edwin Arnold's Life in the Flowery Kingdom.

Sir Edwin Arnold, who legalized his union with a fascinating Japanese widow by an English marriage service in London, was always cosmopolitan in his ideas. Surely no Englishman born and bred has ever succeeded in merging his own individuality into that of other people as the author of "The Light of Asia" and "The Light of the World" has done. When he was in India in his young days, his work showed his intense sympathy with the Buddhists, and in the preface to "The Light of Asia" he wrote: "This book was written by one who loved India and the Indian people."

For two score of years he was English to the core of his heart in the editorials he wrote for the London Telegraph, and in 1890 he came to America, seemed quite unable to understand us, as few of his countrymen could do, and then he went on to Japan and immediately began to live as a Japanese.

He lived in a mat-house, left his shoes at his door, slept on a thick quilt, and, they say, ate in true Japanese style. In his bedroom he had a cheap European washstand, two Japanese chests of drawers of whitewood and black ironwork and the usual sliding cupboards, into which his bed was put when it was rolled up in the daytime.

The walls of the room were of these paper panels, powdered with silver maple leaves, and a clear glass bolt ran around the room "at a height inconducive to propriety," as our correspondent of the day remarked.

The drawing room was glass paneled from floor to ceiling, and the only thing in the whole house that hinted at other civilization was an American stove, which stood in one of the corners.

With such surroundings it is not much wonder that the impressionable poet found himself going through the ceremony of tea drinking with his charming companion of the hour, and that he was content to accept the ceremony as a bona fide marriage tribute to his friendship with genius, rather than the world began has ever dreamed a little the said laws and regulations that ordinary folk find necessary to comfortable existence.

It was in Japan, by the way, that Sir Edwin began "The Light of the World," and indeed completed it, too, during his stay of several years.

He says himself that he was in a tea garden one night, gazed by night by moonlight, and saw a woman in a kimono, and all the delicate luxuries which Japan knows so well how to combine, when suddenly he began to write. So absorbed was he that he was unconscious of his companions until one said, "Be quiet; Dana Sama is writing."

a piano. The committee was instructed to report at an adjourned meeting to be held Monday evening, December 27.

Plumbing and Gas Fitting.

The contract for doing the plumbing and gas fitting in the new high school building was awarded to E. H. Frederick of Holyoke. The work will be in charge of James A. Meehan, formerly of Providence but now of Holyoke, who has arrived with a few men and the gas piping has been begun. The plumbing will be done later and more men will be employed on that part of the work, probably eight or 10 in all.

Charles Degrener has been in Springfield a few days on business.

A. J. Butler, who took possession of Pratt's billiard parlor on Spring street Monday, is doing well and is evidently popular with the patrons. Mr. Butler has hired the parlor for a month.

W. L. Hoyt and family have returned from a visit of a few weeks in Stamford, Conn.

R. L. Noyes has returned from Cohasset, N. Y., where he has finished painting a fine residence built by Lindley Bros.

The young people of St. John's church will meet in the parish room some evening next week to decorate the church for Christmas.

George B. Waterman, whose eye was injured a week ago, is still confined to the house, though improving steadily.

Ensign Reed of the Salvation Army, North Adams, will speak at the Congregational church next Sunday and Monday evenings.

The meeting of Gale Hose company was not held Monday evening, as reported, and will be held next Monday evening, and at that time the project of holding a fair or some other kind of entertainment will be talked over.

Victor Noel has been in New York a few days on business.

Frank Beebe is very sick with the mumps and grip.

Frank Pratt left today for Washington, D. C., to spend some time.

W. A. Bulkley's horse, which was dangerously sick a few days ago, came out all right under the treatment of Dr. Hill.

Madame Engel, a pianist, has been doing business in the hotel Williams building on Spring street for three days.

In spite of the bad weather some went to North Adams to attend the comic opera of Wang at Columbia opera house.

A few also went to attend the organ recital at the Methodist church.

Mrs. B. B. Harvie and Mrs. Louise Oakes of North Adams were in town Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union at the Congregational church in the afternoon and a meeting of the Woman's Relief corps at Grand Army hall in the evening.

If you want nice fresh candy for Christmas call on J. T. Wells, next to Millinery store, corner Main and Water streets.

Special sale of millinery at Wells' millinery store, corner Main and Water streets.

Horton's ice cream at J. T. Wells.

Tonight and Tomorrow Night.

And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggist's Komp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle today and keep it always in the house, as you can check your cold at once. Price 25c and 50c. Sample bottle free.

We have just received a new supply of extra fine quality of hay. Call, write or telephone to W. W. Richmond's coal and wood office.

ONE WOMAN'S WIT.

How an Idea Added Materially to Her Success in Business.

A Washington modiste, who enjoys the patronage of many fashionable women in the official set, let a reporter into the secret of her success a few days ago. Said she: "No, I don't claim to have begun business with more perseverance or genius for dressmaking than the average professional. I date my success exactly from the time I hit upon a little idea that being a novelty immediately won for me a reputation. Am I French? No, indeed; yet my idea was sufficiently Frenchy to go with my customers. One night I was finishing up a gown for a senator's daughter, and though I had tried hard to please my young lady, I knew that if I succeeded it would be the means of increasing my business, the thought came to me that if I could make up the package and send it home with some stamp of individuality about it it would be a feather in my cap."

"At that moment I was sewing hang loops on the waist, and the great idea flashed through my brain. I jumped up, seized a candle and made for the cellar. Arrived there, I grasped a butcher and knuckled off a ham hock. Dividing the hock in half, I hurried back upstairs with my embryonic waist holder. It did not take me long to cover the curved skirt with some pieces of material left from the gown and attach a ribbon and bow. It made a very delicate and useful accompaniment to the gown, and my customer was delighted. 'What's that a ham hock? Why, I never send a gown home now without a ham hock, holder to match, and I put such powder in the hangers to increase their attractiveness. You have no idea how quickly the news spread that 'Miss —' was such a clever dressmaker, with such original ideas.' I honestly believe my little ham hock creation procured me my present large business."—Washington Star.

Alma-Tadema's Home.

No other painter has a home of such artistic luxuriousness as Alma-Tadema, R. A. Perhaps its most remarkable feature is the wall, which is paneled with tall, slim pictures, each of them by a different painter. Leigh, Beighton, Sargent, Calderon, and a full score of the artist's friends each contributed to this remarkable embellishment.

IN A KINDLY VEIN.

St. Walter Resent Advice Englishmen to Study Our History.

Sir Walter Besant in The Queen writes words of wisdom regarding America. If every Englishman would see as clearly as he does, how much more pleasantly the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race would get along together.

"In writing to an American correspondent the other day—it was a letter which he sent, with my knowledge, to a newspaper—I fell into a double blunder; a thing which I cannot defend except by the little excuse that most Englishmen would make the same mistake. The state in which my letter was published was that of Tennessee."

"First I spoke of Tennessee as a 'middle-dio' state—I did not use the word 'middle' in the American sense, but as we understand it, as meaning one of the states in the interior of the continent. With the Americans it is a southern state, of course. However, this was not a very bad blunder. I went on, foolishly, to speak of the happiness to a state of having no history. No history! It now appears that the state of Tennessee has a rich history of its own and that I ought, I suppose, to have known it."

"But let us ask each other this question. There are 41—or is it 42?—independent sovereign states; every one of these states has its own government; its upper and lower house; every one has its own history. Many of these states are larger than the European states. New York is as large as France; Texas, say, is as large as Austria and Germany together. Every one is a most important individual and separate state; every one, I say, has its own history."

"What do we know about their histories? Which among us could pass an examination in the history of Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas or Alabama? Of Massachusetts we know a little. New York state a little; of Virginia a little; of Florida a little. What do we know of Ohio, of Wisconsin, of Oregon? We know, as a rule, just nothing."

"I will not admit that I am more ignorant than my neighbors, and I know next to nothing. But I do know this, that the experience which was learned by the originators of the American colonies, whose early history is one of such terrible sufferings, mistakes and courage, went a long way to conferring upon the American people the pride and self reliance and enterprise which are undoubtedly among their most conspicuous qualities."

"They went a long way as well in teaching us how a colony is to be made, when and how to leave it entirely alone, how to foster it, how to encourage it. Before we colonized Australia and New Zealand and South Africa we had already colonized and conquered the continent of North America. Of our colonies and conquests there the greater part has been lost to us, but the lesson remains. For these reasons alone it is fitting that we should teach our children the history of our country first, our empire next and of the United States, taken separately, next."

Good Advice.

The Boston Advertiser lately gave an anecdote of Mark Twain which we think is new. A young woman, totally inexperienced, applied to him for a recommendation as a lecturer to the lecture bureau. In reply he said:

"First, no occupation without apprenticeship."

"Second, no pay to an apprentice."

He advised her to give two years to apprenticeship in lecturing before she could hope to be paid living wages.

The editor of a New York magazine, who was exhibiting the experience of his own to all editors of the countless manuscripts sent to him by eager writers who knew nothing of the author's craft, said: "These essays and stories are often full of interesting facts, and of wit and pathos, but they are thrown together like scraps of cloth in a rag bag. If the writers would only give a year to the study of the masters of literature, they would learn instantly what not to say. They do not know it now."

It is said that a young lady novelist who had published her first book met Carlyle and said to him: "Our trade requires less capital than any other—a ream of paper and a bottle of ink!"

The grim Scotchman made no answer, but when she turned away he muttered, tapping a volume of his French Revolution: "English novelists have no labor worth that book. But doubtless she knows; she knows!"

Worked Both Ways.

The late Mr. Justice Denman once tried a case in an agricultural parish which mainly turned upon the recollections of the oldest inhabitants. One of these was a hale and vigorous woman of 85, whose great figure, keen intelligence and clear testimony created so strong a sensation in the court that the judge questioned him concerning his mode of life. The witness explained that he was a vegetarian and a total abstainer. The judge, in disbelieving him, expressed a hope that all who wore present might profit by his example, and then the next witness, a young man, said: "This was another woman, the elder brother of the preceding and fully a match for him in strength, activity and intelligence. As he was about to retire, the judge stopped him with the observation, 'I presume that you also, Mr. Greenfield, are indebted for the preservation of your strength and faculties to a careful observance of the same sobriety and of the same regimen which have been so well described to us by your brother.' 'Hain't' been to bed sober for 50 years, my lord,' was the publishing and unexpected reply."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Give the Men a Chance.

There ought to be some balm in Gilead, some salve for blasted hopes and lacerated affections, for a man as well as for a woman.—Salinas Daily Index.

Buckwheat Flour...

Both plain and prepared, best quality and fresh. To go with it, new and pure Maple Syrup, direct from the best Vermont "sugar bushes."

White & Smith,

City agents for Baker bread.

Piles

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Remedy will cure itching, bleeding and itching piles. It cures the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief, and cures the disease. It is prepared for Piles and itching of the private parts. Every box is guaranteed. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00. WILLIAMS' PAIN EXPELLER Co. Proprietors, Cleveland, Ohio. Sold at Pratt's Drug Store 25 Main Street.

MAYORS AND COUNCILS

Elections In Thirteen Cities In the Bay State.

Holyoke Democrats Harmonized and Elected Ticket.

General Decrease In the Vote Against Licensing Saloons.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Boston and North Adams are the only cities in the sisterhood of 32 that have to make their annual selection of municipal administrators. That will be done next week. Yesterday elections took place in 13 cities. In most of them it was a question of men rather than of partisanship. Worcester refused a third term to General Sprague, the citizens' candidate for reelection. In the same city ex-Representative Mellen succeeded in circumventing those members of his party who strove to drive him out of public life altogether. The Democrats of the paper city (Holyoke) harmonized their differences, and the candidate who was left a year ago had no difficulty in securing the normal majority of his party over Mayor Smith, who was assailed fiercely by voice and pen.

Worcester, Dec. 15.—The vote at the city election was light owing to the storm. Rufus B. Dodge, Jr., the Republican candidate for mayor, was elected by a plurality of 734 over Edward C. B. R. Sprague, the citizens' candidate. The city vote was as follows: Dodge, 3534; Eldridge, people's party, 165; Sprague, 5620; Wood, socialist, 1139. Of the nine aldermen elected six are Republicans, two Democrats and one independent Democrat, under the system of minority representation. The common council will stand 16 Republicans and eight Democrats, and the school committee 17 Republicans and seven Democrats. The vote on license was: Yes, 7212; No, 5197.

Everett, Dec. 15.—The municipal election was the closest and most exciting ever known since Everett became a city. ex-Alderman Francis E. Dyer defeating Edward C. Mead by the narrow margin of five votes. Both candidates are Republicans, each running on citizens' nomination papers. Dyer's vote was 1266 and Mead's 1261. The board of aldermen contains two Dyer and four anti-Dyer members, while the common council has a non-partisan complexion. The license vote was: Yes, 694; No, 17. The majority for no license, 1106, as compared with 1262 a year ago. The friends of Candidate Mead are circulating a petition for a recount.

Lowell, Dec. 15.—Colonel James W. Bennett (Rep.) was elected mayor of Lowell, defeating Fisher H. Pearson (Dem.) by 754 votes. The totals were 7388 and 6604. The Democrats have elected their mayor for the past three years, the Republicans controlling all the legislative branches of the city government. Yesterday the Democrats obtained control of the board of aldermen, electing five of the nine aldermen. Virgil G. Barnard (Rep.) was re-elected purchasing agent, defeating Andrew E. Barrett by 362 votes. The city was carried for license by a close margin. The common council will remain 18 Republicans and nine Democrats.

Salem, Dec. 15.—The municipal election brought out a large vote, but there was little excitement. The contest for the majority was a surprise to the friends of Mayor Turner when it was announced that Alderman David P. Waters was the successful candidate by a majority of 187 votes. The board of aldermen consists of four members of the old board and three new members, while the common council is practically the same as last year, many of the members being re-elected. The city remains in the no-license column by an increased majority of 165 over last year's vote. The vote is: David P. Waters, 2392; James H. Turner, Jr., 2705. License—Yes, 2396; No, 3235.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 15.—Mayor Walter L. Ramsdell, the Democratic and citizens' reform candidate, was re-elected mayor by a plurality of 2125 over George H. Sampson, Republican, the vote standing 3494 to 3279. Mr. Ramsdell carried every precinct in the city. Last year he defeated C. H. Baker by a plurality of 1940.

The Republicans elect eight of the nine members of the board of aldermen and 18 of the 25 councilmen. The city has voted for license by a majority of 1329, the vote standing: Yes, 5992; No, 5763.

Newburyport, Dec. 15.—George H. Plummer was elected mayor after one of the hardest fought battles in the history of the city, 2073 votes being cast in favor of a registration of 2385. There were no party nominations for the mayoralty, each candidate running on nomination papers. The following is the majority vote: A. R. Curtis, 721; Orin J. Gurney, 1232; Moody Kimball, 173; Henry J. Noyes, 29; George B. Plummer, 892; George R. Stickney, 138.

The common council is composed of 20 Republicans and four Democrats. The board of aldermen has four Republicans and two Democrats. The city voted for license by a majority of 104, the vote being: Yes, 1247; No, 1143.

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 15.—Chicopee held its first election under the new charter and re-elected Mayor George D. Eldridge, Democrat, and a Republican board of aldermen, and decided to continue the license policy. The vote for mayor stood: Eldridge, Dem., 1289; Page, Rep., 928.

The license vote was: Yes, 1292; No, 761.

The board of aldermen stands 16 Republicans and six Democrats, and there is a tie vote in one ward.

The Republicans elect three members of the school board and the Democrats two.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15.—The city election yesterday resulted in the reelection of Mayor Edwin F. May Jr. by a vote of 5698 to 3307 for George A. Perkins. The Temple hall nominees for members of the city government were

selected, party lines not being observed in the election. The license vote was Yes, 3597; No, 4164; majority for no license, 567, as compared with 1881 last year.

Woburn, Dec. 15.—Mayor John P. Feeney (Dem.) was re-elected, receiving 1416 votes to 1242 for George T. Bean, charter committee candidate, and 45 for Levi Furubush, citizens' municipal reform candidate. Feeney's plurality last year was 10.

Under the new charter the city government is vested in a single body, and of the members a majority were the representatives of the so-called charter committee, strict party lines being ignored. The board, however, comprises nine Democrats and three Republicans. The license vote was: Yes, 1868; No, 1193.

Holyoke, Dec. 15.—Holyoke went back into the Democratic column, Michael Connors being elected mayor over the Republican incumbent of the office, Dr. George H. Smith, by a plurality of 1589. The Democrats also elected 10 aldermen and the Republicans four, so the board will stand 12 Democrats and nine Republicans. The mayoralty vote stood: Connors, 3540; Smith, 2169. The city voted license by a plurality of 823, the vote standing: Yes, 2439; No, 1616.

The question of purchasing the local plant and going into municipal lighting was passed by a plurality of 513.

Beverly, Dec. 15.—There were 2050 votes thrown in the city election yesterday, Collier (Ind.) being elected over three candidates with 240 votes to spare. A lady was elected to the school committee for the first time.

The board of aldermen consists of six Republicans and one Democrat, and the common council, 16 Republicans and two Democrats. License vote—Yes, 673; No, 1261.

Medford, Mass., Dec. 15.—Medford did not elect a mayor yesterday, that official having been elected last year to serve two years. The three members of the board of aldermen who were chosen are all Republicans, and the council is made up of 15 Republicans and three Democrats. The vote on license was: Yes, 689; No, 3223.

Chelsea, Dec. 15.—Seth J. Littlefield (Rep.) was elected mayor without opposition, his total vote being 3735, and the city government and school board are solidly Republican. The city voted no license by a vote of 2545 votes to 2689 no, being a loss in the no-license majority of 35 over last year.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

George F. Stossom, the professional billiard champion of the world, has accepted Jacob Schaefer's challenge for an 18-hick ball-hick match at 60 points.

Rev. E. C. Cummings, a Congregational clergyman and author, died at his home in Portland, Me., yesterday. He was born in Albany, Me., Sept. 2, 1825.

The Bath (Me.) iron works will receive the contract for the practice ship for the Annapolis naval academy at a cost of over \$200,000. Work will be begun at once.

The Spanish legation has no information that General Sangulilly has tendered his services to Spain. General Sangulilly denies the story, and no credence is given it in Washington.

Louis and John Bonner, two colored men who had been attending the United States court at Birmingham, Ala., as witnesses against alleged white captives were murdered in Lamar county. They were carried out of their homes and shot down.

Andrew Devine, one of the official reporters of the house, has resigned his position to accept the position of vice president and consulting director of the American Photographic Co. Mr. Devine is one of the most celebrated stenographers in the country.

The fishing schooner Susan R. Stone of Provincetown, Mass., has been on a voyage five weeks and four days, and was provisioned for only three weeks. Great anxiety is felt for her. The crew of 18 men are married and their families include 31 children.

The emergency hospital in Boston will hereafter be known as the Greenhalge emergency hospital in memory of Governor Greenhalge. A new building will be erected in the heart of the business section of the city as a new home for this institution.

W. H. Green, son of the late Rev. William Green, was found dead in a room in the barn of G. N. Hopkins of Pittsfield, Mass., for whom he worked as coachman. By his side were a bottle containing acetone and another partly filled with whiskey. It is supposed that he committed suicide.

A Livingston, Nev., paper has received a communication from Dan Stuart stating that a fight is being arranged between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, as well as other pugilists, to be held in Carson in July, 1898, and adding that definite arrangements would be completed within a fortnight.

The Wells-Fargo special officers and deputy marshals have captured in Arizona five of the train robbers engaged in the attempted robbery of a Southern Pacific train last Thursday night. They will be taken to New Mexico for trial. The penalty for train robbery in that territory is death.

Chief Willard of Albany, N. Y., has received a message announcing the capture of Albert S. Warner at Riley, Kan. Warner was the chief conspirator in the kidnapping of little Johnny Conway last August. H. G. Blake and Joseph M. Hardy are serving terms of 15 years in prison for complicity in this crime.

The sub-committee of the senate committee on Indian affairs appointed to consider the problems presented in Indian territory has practically decided to recommend amendments to the present law providing for the apportionment of all the lands held by the five civilized tribes among the members of those tribes.

Refuse to Join.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—St. Louis wholesale clothiers have refused to join the National Clothiers' association, and the efforts of that body to unite the merchants in this line have failed, so far as this city is concerned. The headquarters of the association is in Baltimore, and the first attempt at organization was made about a year ago. Many eastern wholesalers joined, and several St. Louis houses promised to go in, but have finally decided to stay out.

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ANOTHER SAMPLE.

THE TRANSCRIPT would not have its readers feel that it takes any delight in daily showing some new error or weakness on the part of Harry Hamer. Reviewing the charges of misstatement and error of ignorance proven against him in these columns during the past week, and to which he can make no answer, we would gladly spare him further exposure in his true light. But he seeks the highest office in this city. THE TRANSCRIPT simply seeks to learn if he is fit for that office by examining his public acts. He and his friends can take no exception to that test. If Ossa has been pilled on Pelion and then all piled on Mr. Hamer, it is because he has made the errors and charges and misstatements that he can't substantiate, and which have now come home to roost.

So today again THE TRANSCRIPT shows how little Mr. Hamer knows of the words and rights of the school committee in the city government of which he seeks to be the head.

Among the last things that Mr. Hamer did in the council was to offer an order "That the chairman of the school committee inform the council why the Braytonville school grounds have not been graded during the summer vacation as that would seem the most suitable time for such work."

It is not our purpose to point to the fact that the grading around the Braytonville school grounds is nearly finished and that the new athletic grounds at Braytonville are almost ready for use. It is hardly necessary to state that the sum of \$895.88 has been spent during the past season in grading around the Braytonville school house.

Neither is it our purpose to defend the school committee from the accusation that they have neglected their duty in this matter or that they have been lacking in ordinary business sagacity in trying to do work in the fall that ought to have been done in the summer.

The allegation contained in the order is of no consequence to the school committee. The action of all parties in re-nominating Messrs. Pritchard and Chippendale as members of the school committee showed that everyone admitted that the allegation was false and not worthy of credence. We mention the order as showing that the man who introduced it has not sufficient mental capacity to properly administer the municipal affairs of this city and to wisely discharge the functions of its chief executive.

By the laws of the state and the city charter "The management and control of schools of said city shall be vested in a school committee, consisting of six members at large, who shall be elected by the inhabitants of the city." The school committee is a body co-ordinate with the city council and can no more be compelled to report to the council than the council can be compelled to report to the school committee. The council is a legislative body and the school committee is an executive body. After the council has voted an appropriation for schools it has no control over such expenditure.

The school committee are elected by the people and they are responsible only to the people.

An order commanding the school committee to report to the council would not have been offered by any man of common business training. The man who offered it has not sufficient business ability and capacity to administer the affairs of a large city. He doesn't understand the charter and its provisions.

We desire to call Mr. Hamer's attention to one opportunity that he has strangely neglected. The library trustees have been spending \$10,000 given by Mayor Houghton to prepare the commodious library building given by him to the city. The work has been done by the day and no contract has been signed nor has any bond been given. There was an opportunity Mr. Hamer ought to have improved. There was a fine chance for him to have talked about contract work and to have prated about a violation of the charter. Why did he not move to have an investi-

gating committee appointed? What right had Mr. Houghton to give \$10,000 to fit up this building without consulting the council? Here was a signal opportunity to attack Mr. Houghton and impugn his motives. That ought not to have been lost. Why was not the assertion made that the mayor and library trustees did wrong in spending so much money in one locality without consulting the council? Why was it not stated that that money ought to have been laid out in some centrally located locality before making it in the suburbs? Why were not the library trustees attacked in like manner as nearly every other city official? Was this an oversight on the part of Mr. Hamer—a chance gone by forever.

"HOW TO CHECK NORTH ADAMS."

[From the Springfield Republican]

Boston, greatest of Massachusetts cities, will wind up the Massachusetts municipal elections next Tuesday. The battle there grows hot and doubtful. Yesterday 13 cities—unlucky number, as the Holyoke Republicans are ready to avouch—held their elections, making a total of 30 municipal elections to date. North Adams under her charter is made to rank with Boston in the time of holding her election. The new city is on trial before the outside public, and the test of the good sense and intelligence of her citizenship is to be made next week. Fortunately beyond most cities in the generous public spirit of one man, her retiring mayor, Albert C. Houghton, Tuesday's result is to show whether his mantle is to be given to H. Torrey Cady or bestowed upon Mr. Hamer, who represents the carping critics of Mr. Houghton. Something could be done to check the impulse which Mr. Houghton has given to North Adams by placing his enemies in control of the city government, but nothing can be done of the regard and gratitude which he has won by rare devotion to the local interests.

THREATS AND INTIMIDATION.

The friends of Mr. Hamer, and especially those who are raising the cry of the "straight Republican ticket" are trying to intimidate all who are friends of Congressman Lawrence by making threats as to next year's Republican caucuses that will choose congressional delegates.

Who are these authors of intimidation? Who are these "straight Republicans" who threaten to knife the most prominent Republican in the city? Are they men who have been friends of Mr. Lawrence in the past? No. They are the same crowd who tried to defeat Mr. Lawrence in his own city last fall, but who were impotent to do it then as they will be in the future.

These political Hamer intimidators are the men who call themselves "straight" because they aided and abetted in stuffed caucuses, and now want others to stand by their selfish purposes. They are the threateners of George P. Lawrence—the men who have tried to knife him before.

Mr. Cady is for home labor.

"Affidavit" are not lobsters" as a communication in THE TRANSCRIPT today shows.

Mr. Cady is not mortgaged up with promises, nor does he stand dumb and silent before a long record of misstatements and charges he can't substantiate.

H. T. Cady's "own best efforts" are worth those of the combined cabinet of Harry Hamer and John and Ira and Elmer and Daniel and Aspin.

THE TRANSCRIPT once more, as sample, shows today that Mr. Hamer didn't know the facts in the case nor the charter when he attacked the school board at the last council meeting.

Who is the author of the affidavit that is on exhibition at Mr. Mack's office? Is it William Aspin, the former ex-president of the A. P. A., who was so prominent at the Hamer meeting? Or is it some other ex-president of the A. P. A.?

How the press and men who have abused every one and charged everything upon every one they pleased for months and months, squirm under the truth told about themselves. Don't play the cry-baby act, Hamer men, especially when only the simple truth has been told about you and yours.

Threats against George P. Lawrence and intimidation of his friends is now a Hamer campaign argument. Keep right on, John and Ira and Elmer and Daniel. Threaten George P. Lawrence all you want to in this town where he is the most popular man in it. You did the same thing before the Republican caucuses early last fall.

It is said that Mr. William Aspin or some other ex-president of the A. P. A. has made an affidavit which is on exhibition in which he says that Mr. Hamer is not a member of the A. P. A. An ex-president of the A. P. A. last year got out an affidavit in order to defeat John E. Magenis for election as representative. When an A. P. A. affidavit becomes necessary to bolster up a candidate, it shows that the campaign of such a candidate is in sore straits.

FOUND DEAD IN A BARN.

Dr. Brown Called to Pittsfield to Investigate a Queer Case.

William H. Green, a hostler employed by Undertaker G. N. Hopkins of Pittsfield, was found dead in the haymow of the latter's barn Tuesday morning by Frank Noyes, who keeps his horses there. While it was evidently a case of suicide, a bottle of tincture of acetone and some whiskey being found near him, some facts seem to point to something more serious and the police have the case in hand. Green had been employed by Mr. Hopkins for several years and having no home slept in the barn and took care of the horses. When found yesterday morning the room was locked with the key on the outside. The man was fully dressed and lay dead on the hay. His father was the first taker agent on the old Western road, now the Boston and Albany, many years ago. William Green was 32 years old and was born in Pittsfield. He leaves a mother and two sisters in Detroit, Mich. Medical Examiner Brown of this city viewed the body yesterday afternoon and held an autopsy in place of Dr. Paddock, who is out of the city.

COMMUNICATIONS.

About Affidavits.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT.—There have been several affidavits brought out in this city's campaign.

The latest affidavit brought forth in behalf of Mr. Hamer reminds us of a story. Some years ago an old sea captain who had retired from active service, was accustomed to visit Boston frequently and while there would relate marvelous dangers that he had seen on sea and land, at his home on Cape Cod.

On one occasion he discoursed of lobsters and related that he had seen on the Cape a lobster that was 37 inches long. A waylaid man who heard him expressed a doubt as to the truth of this statement. The discussion grew warm and finally a wager was made that the sea captain could not produce a lobster 37 inches long within 30 days.

Nothing was heard of him until the time had nearly expired when he appeared with affidavits from various citizens of Cape Cod to the effect that they had seen lobsters of the required length. The captain claimed the wager on the strength of the affidavits but the stakeholder gave the money to the waylaid man on the ground that affidavits were not lobsters.

Moral, affidavits are not lobsters in this campaign.

A PLACE FOR GERRY.

WHAT THE GREATER NEW YORK IS TALKING ABOUT.

Proposition to Make the Commodore President of the Municipal Art Commission. His Position in Public Affairs—Work of His Loved Society—A Morgan Story.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—The rumored desire of the municipal powers to be, that Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry shall be president of the municipal art commission is a compliment to all parties concerned. The commodore would undoubtedly be a great acquisition to the commission and the work would be congenial. The place carries no pay and appointment must be made from a list submitted by the Fine Arts Federation.

Commodore Gerry is one of the most interesting men living. While not to be classed with the 4-stor, Gaults, Vanderbilts and Rockefellers, a formidable, he is a very rich man, \$30,000,000 being generally accepted as not too high an estimate of his possessions. His wealth was partly inherited from his father, though more came as a marriage portion, his wife being a daughter of the late Robert Livingston.

Hasn't Time to Earn Money.

By profession the commodore is a lawyer, and his law library is the largest and most comprehensive owned by an individual in America. There was when he had a pretty big practice, which came both because of his ability and because, in the natural course of events, he had friends in plenty at the beginning of his career who could and did turn lots of business in his direction. But when he seriously took hold of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children he lost much of his interest, not in work, but in working for pay. Having enough money to satisfy any reasonable human being, and the power that goes with it, he began to take up lines of effort that call for the expenditure, rather than the acquisition, of wealth. And little by little these activities have increased until now, though he has not formally abandoned his law practice, he finds mighty little time to attend to it, and the fallow of greedily.

His work as president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has done more to make him well known throughout the United States than any other of his enterprises, but he is best known among "smart" people, especially visiting foreigners, as a yachtsman and a society figure. Those who ought to speak by the card say that he spends nearly as much in a social way every year as any of the Vanderbills and that the cost of running his famous yacht, *Electra*, including the entertainment of guests, cannot be far from \$50,000 annually. Undoubtedly he spends more money in behalf of yachting than in any other direction, and the annual figure here given is probably exceeded whenever there is a race for the America's cup. And, of course, he is exceedingly popular in society, whose members exult at his eccentricities, which are many, including even his fur head covering, of yachting cap design, which he wears almost the whole year through, discarding it only occasionally and then for a cloth cap of the same pattern.

Commodore Gerry in Public Affairs.

Notwithstanding his devotion to yachting and society, however, he is deeply wrapped up in his favorite society than anything else, and is proud of the fact that it is often designated by his name than by its somewhat cumbersome official title.

The public has given little thought to the society's workings, as a rule, save when it has been prosecuting a crusade against child theatrical performers, but it is steadily busy all the time at work of much greater importance, the rescuing of children from the frightful surroundings of poverty, vice and crime into which so many of the children of the great city are plunged. The society's work will be appreciated by the reader when it is understood that in the 23 years since its reorganization by the commodore some 85,000 children have been so rescued.

In accordance with instructions, no doubt, its officials, save the commodore himself, are always extremely chary of information, and there is a funeral air about its main offices on Fourth avenue, near Twentieth street, that is decidedly depressing. But who is the founder of the society, though its mission to devise an improvement on hanging in New York state was appointed only 11 years ago.

The commodore is a man of exceedingly blunt speech, but this rarely amounts to anything worse than a mannerism. Sometimes he makes big blunders, too, one of the most notable of these being his announced intention three or four years ago to secure the passage of a state law prohibiting the publication of society intelligence in the newspapers.

On Christmas day he will be exactly 60 years of age. He is a native New Yorker and was born in one of the row of small brownstone front houses away down on Broadway where the massive building of the Standard Oil company now stands.

Pierpont Morgan's Braguerie.

Although Commodore Gerry's chief philanthropic work has to do with the "orphan" society, it should by no means be understood that his benevolent activities are exhausted upon it. He gives large-

ly to some of the charities in which Pierpont Morgan, who succeeded him as commodore of the New York Yacht club, is interested. In some ways these men are much alike; they are both fond of yachting, they both give largely to help their fellows (though the motives of both are much mistrusted in many quarters), and they are both, it is true, occasionally to the verge of rudeness. Here is a story about an apparent brusquerie on Morgan's part which may or may not have been in print before:

One day a man called upon the banker to urge a contribution to some cause believed to be especially worthy. Mr. Morgan heard the plea in almost perfect silence, vouchsafing no response save a guttural "Humph!" The visitor felt snubbed and started to leave the office.

"Where are you going?" queried Morgan.

"You seem to be busy, and I am going away."

"Well, I am busy," said Mr. Morgan. Then he handed the visitor a check for \$2,500 which he had been writing while the other talked.

Dexter Marshall.

It Spelled the Idea Entirely.

"I don't think there ever was such an unfortunate individual as I am," growled Short as he flung himself down on the couch. "It does not matter what I try to do, something is sure to upset my plans."

"It is like that with some people," remarked Long sympathetically. "What is it this time?"

"Why, as I reached the door, Black came up and pulled me because my dog has bitten a piece out of his leg."

"I don't quite see where the misfortune comes in for you. You won't have to pay compensation; it's the dog's first bite. It seems to me that the misfortune"—

"You don't understand at all," rejoined Short savagely. "I've brought that dog up from a pup as a proof that dogs can live on a vegetarian diet, and just as I am attaining my object the dog gets hold of a piece of meat. It's enough to make a man as bad language. Why on earth did that idiot go and put his leg in the dog's way?"

—Strand Magazine.

An Incentive to Early Rising.

A good story is told of the Rev. W. L. Watkinson at Plymouth. Some time ago he was staying with a good lady who was yearning for the good old times and mourning the degeneracy of modern Wesleyan ministers. On being asked for the grounds of her jeremiad she said that Wesleyan ministers of the earlier part of this century rose early in the morning, and that dear Mr. Wesley was in his study at 4 o'clock in the morning. "It is not to be wondered at," was Mr. Watkinson's dry reply. "Were Mrs. Watkinson any thing like Mrs. Wesley I should be up at 2 o'clock."

—Westminster Gazette.



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At a very warm and well attended  
meeting in the school rooms on Venzie  
street, considering the weather, Tuesday  
evening the voters of Ward 2 unhesitat-  
ingly nailed their flag to the Gady mast  
and will stand by it through the hot elec-  
tion fight. The meeting, like the one  
held the other evening in Ward 4, was  
called by the Democratic ward committee  
but was not for the voters of any candi-  
date or in the sole interests of any party  
but for an opportunity to talk the situa-  
tion over.

W. H. Thatcher was chairman of the  
meeting, and after some good cigars made  
by a North Adams man had been tested,  
Mr. Thatcher introduced some well  
known men of the ward to those present.  
Short telling talks were the result and the  
whole sentiment expressed was Gady senti-  
ment unadulterated. Mr. Thatcher  
made some pointed remarks. He looked  
upon Mr. Hamer as a man that had  
kicked throughout his whole course as  
a public official to obtain notoriety and  
perhaps votes. He contrasted Mr. Gady  
with this and said that he was a man who  
would continue the present policy of pub-  
lic improvements; one who believed  
in better roads, better sewers and  
one who thinks that our children  
should have ample school facilities to fit  
themselves for the battle of life that will  
come to them by and by.

Owen Morris, the venerable voter of the  
ward, took the two evening papers and  
contrasted their comments on election  
matters. He severely criticized the Hamer  
side of the press, showing that it did not  
deal in argument but in insinuations and  
groundless accusations like the man  
whom it supports. He paid  
some attention to the offer  
to those who would prove that Mr.  
Hamer was not an A. P. A. If Mr. Hamer  
is not an A. P. A. it looks bad when one  
considers the men who are behind him.  
Mr. Morris thought, Mr. Morris went  
over the good things that  
the administration has accomplished  
and made a very courageous point.  
He said that Christ came to earth and  
chose 12 apostles. One of these denied  
him, another doubted him and another  
betrayed him. If the divine man made  
so many mistakes is it possible to expect  
the best human intelligence to do a fault-  
less work or follow a faultless course?

William Armstrong talked about the  
administration but said that a man better  
qualified to speak of this would make an  
address Friday evening and he asked all  
to attend the meeting. Referring to the  
campaign conducted by Mr. Hamer he  
said that he thought that it was one of  
misstatement and of slander of the men  
who are vastly his superior.

Raoul Bernard, a highly respected  
French citizen, said that the man who  
gets out on the corner and shouts  
murder will always attract a crowd. He  
thought that the shouting of Mr. Hamer  
and the crowding of Mr. Bernard's  
nationality around him was something  
like that. But when it was found that the  
man who was shouting was not telling the  
truth the crowd soon left him and went  
away laughing. This is just what the  
French voters are doing now as far as  
Mr. Hamer is concerned. They are turn-  
ing away and when the ballots are counted  
next Tuesday evening it will be seen that  
the French voters are not caught by shouting.

Alexander Craswell said that he was a  
personal friend of Mr. Hamer and had  
closely followed his course in the council.  
He did not speak complimentary of that  
course and said that he did not think Mr.  
Hamer qualified to fill the office of mayor.  
W. Ingraham gave some very en-  
couraging facts from the shoe factories  
showing the rapid change of sentiment,  
there among the Hamer men. The Hamer  
men are falling away from their first love  
because they found him untrue.

There were other speakers. Some of  
them had worked 25 years for Mr. Gady  
and had found him willing to help them  
when assistance was needed.

The meeting was enthusiastic and all  
that the friends of Mr. Gady could have  
hoped for. Two Hamer men went up to  
one man prominent in the meeting after  
the speaking and said they could not be  
reasonable and be supporters of Mr.  
Hamer. That was a straw showing the  
wind is blowing.  
T. J. Crowley was present—inside not as  
a sentinel this time.

**Hamer Public Meeting.**  
The Hamer men are getting scared at  
the program of Mayor Houghton address-  
ing a public meeting Friday evening.  
They are arranging for a Hamer public  
meeting to be held in Old Fellows hall  
Monday evening to have the last word.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.**  
Dr. W. E. Brown of Danville, N. Y.,  
has been in charge of the Berkshire Hills  
sanatorium during the absence of Dr.  
Wallace E. Brown in New York. Dr. and  
Mrs. W. E. Brown returned to Danville  
today.

**THAT TIRED FEELING**  
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A Good Physician.  
"When I get run down with constant  
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6.40 p. m.  
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5.50, 7.15, 11.45, 12.40 p. m.  
Train Arrive From East—10.08, a. m., 12.19, 1.24,  
5.50, 7.15, 11.46, 12.38 p. m.  
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Sundays 6.40 a. m.  
For South Vernon Junction, 8.30, 10.22 a. m.,  
1.24, 2.58, 4.54, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.00 a. m.,  
9.15 p. m.  
For Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Windsor,  
10.22 a. m., 1.24, 4.54, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.00  
a. m., 9.15 p. m.  
For stations between White River Junction  
and Lyndonville, 10.22 a. m., 1.24, 9.15 p. m. For  
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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—A daughter was born Thursday morn-  
ing to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sorrell of Cliff  
street.  
—The third lecture on chemistry will be  
given at the normal school this evening  
by Prof. Guss.  
—Civil Engineer F. S. Smith, who was  
dangerously ill with pneumonia, is con-  
sidered slightly better this morning.  
—James B. Mackie in the "New Grimes  
Cellar Door," will be the attraction at  
Columbia opera house Thursday evening.  
—The C. D. Henry comedy company in  
"Our Irish-American Cousin," will be  
the bill at the Wilson opera house to-  
night.  
—The reception at the Baptist church,  
appointed for this evening, has been  
postponed because of the illness of Mrs.  
Spencer.

—The Pittsfield jail is pretty full this  
winter and Judge Tucker is making  
tramps move on rather than have them  
live at the county's expense.  
—It is probable that several from this  
city will attend the working of the third  
degree in a Knights of Columbus council  
in Greenfield Friday evening.  
—Married at Petersburg, N. Y., De-  
cember 12 by Rev. James G. Phillips,  
Arthur G. Galusha of Williamstown and  
Miss Ellen Cook of Petersburg.  
—Division 4 A. O. H., have a debate on  
the immigration question tonight in the  
hall on Eagle street. The debate is the  
first of a series to be held this winter.  
—"Blue Jeans," which has had a run of  
348 night in New York city, will be seen  
for the first time in this city at Columbia  
opera house Friday. The company is an  
exceptionally strong one, and the attrac-  
tion should prove one of the best of the  
season.  
—The Eureka Electric company are  
wiring the new addition and placing  
lights in the Pontoon mill at Pittsfield.  
A new 100-light dynamo has been added  
to the plant. The same company has se-  
cured the contract for wiring the Sullivan  
block in this city.  
—George L. Clark of Halifax, Vt., is  
visiting his brother, Dr. Clark of Eagle  
street. Mr. Clark has been practicing  
magnetic healing for a year or two past  
with good success and has for some time  
had an office in Hartford, Conn., where  
he is doing well. He will leave the city  
Thursday morning for Hartford.  
—"The Drummer Boy" will be presen-  
ted at Grand Army hall the first week in  
January by Lincoln camp, Sons of Vets.  
It is an excellent play, and was very  
successfully given by Lincoln camp last  
May. There have been many calls for its  
repetition, and all will be glad to hear  
that the boys have decided to put it on  
again.  
—Roger Tattersoll underwent an opera-  
tion at the hospital Tuesday for the re-  
moval of a stone from the bladder. The  
operation was performed by Drs. M. M.  
Brown, Bushnell and Hobbie, and the  
stone removed weighed about two  
ounces. Mr. Tattersoll has been severely  
afflicted, he having undergone two opera-  
tions before for similar troubles.  
—D. M. Dillon, of the Dillon Steam  
Boiler works, Fitchburg, was in the city  
Monday to witness the erection of the  
new iron smokestack at the Windsor print  
works, which was manufactured by his  
company. Mr. Dillon was much pleased  
by the skillful manner in which the work  
was done by Whitney Bros. He said it  
was the best job of the kind he ever saw  
done and that the stack is the largest that  
was ever raised whole, most of the large  
stacks being put up in sections. There  
was not a bit in the work and the huge  
stack, weighing over 30 tons was easily  
set up in one day.  
—The Wilson house drug store has an  
attraction in its show window in the form  
of two live raccoons which were caught  
by Dr. Harder, the veterinarian. One was  
caught about six months ago and is per-  
fectly tame. The other has not been in  
captivity so long and is still pretty shy.  
He got out of the enclosure a night or two  
ago and made his way to the cellar, where  
he secreted himself in the large collection  
of boxes, and for some time successfully  
defied his owner. Mr. Partall's coon dog  
was finally called into service and after  
an hour's hunting the fugitive was  
brought from his quarters. He "put up"  
a lively fight, but was secured without be-  
ing injured, and is again with his compan-  
ion in the window, where they admirably il-  
lustrate the difference between a tame  
coon and a wild one.

**ONE OF THE FINEST.**  
**Reperioire Show of the Season at the**  
**Columbia All Next Week.**  
"A fine company" is the verdict of all  
who have seen the Miles Ideal Stock com-  
pany now performing at the opera house.  
They had two good audiences Tuesday.  
"Unknown or Saved from the Sea," was  
presented. The performance was thor-  
oughly satisfactory and delighted all  
present. John E. Miles enhanced his  
reputation. The scenic effects were ex-  
cellent. This afternoon "The Black-  
smith's Daughter" was presented to the  
satisfaction of a large audience. The  
play for tonight is "New Mexico" or  
"The Boy Hero." This is a great pro-  
duction and sure to draw a large audience.  
—Lawiston Journal.  
This company will open a week's en-  
gagement at Columbia opera house  
Monday.

**THE MILK ORDINANCE.**  
**Public Hearing to be Given Friday**  
**Afternoon at City Hall.**  
The ordinance looking to the regulation  
of the sale of milk in this city and to the  
care that dairy men should take of their  
barns and cows is in the hands of the or-  
dinance committee of the city council.  
The committee has recognized the far-  
reaching effects of the ordinance and  
has advertised that a public hear-  
ing will be given at the city  
hall Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All  
interested in the passage of the ordinance  
and all those opposed to it will meet  
the committee there and state their opinions.  
The committee want to act intelligently  
on the matter and, not being experts in  
dairy matters or experts in the matter of  
making regulations for the benefit of the  
public health, the committee has thought  
best to give this public hearing so that it  
can report to the council the best dispo-  
sition of the matter. All dairymen are  
requested to be present at the meeting.

**SOUTH STATE STREET MATTERS.**  
**The Committee Held a Meeting Mon-**  
**day Night to Discuss Things.**  
The committee of the South State street  
improvement association had a meeting  
at the court room Tuesday evening and  
decided on some things that will be put  
before the council early next year looking  
to the improvement of that section of the  
city in which the men are interested. The  
canvassing committee has completed its  
work and is able to report that all of the  
property owners south of the State street  
bridge are with the organization. At the  
meeting held Tuesday evening no definite  
plan was formed. The proposed improve-  
ments were left to a committee that will  
take steps to have the matter properly  
put before the council. The association  
will not have another meeting until early  
in January. The members will drop out  
of the improvement business until after  
election.

**Bert E. Lamb.**  
After a three weeks illness of typhoid  
fever Bert E. Lamb died Tuesday after-  
noon at his home, 12 Hall street.  
Mr. Lamb was 27 years old and was the  
son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb of Sweet's  
Corners, where he was born and reared.  
Five years ago last spring he came to this  
city and went into the ice business in  
company with George Shand, now of  
Adams. Six months later the partner-  
ship was dissolved and Mr. Lamb took  
the business, which he conducted under  
the name of the Hudson Brook Ice com-  
pany. He was an industrious, hard work-  
ing and reliable young man and was highly  
esteemed by the large number with  
whom he had business transactions and  
by all who were acquainted with him.  
In May, 1893, Mr. Lamb married Miss  
Blanche Vars of Berlin, N. Y., who sur-  
vives him. He leaves his parents, three  
sisters and three brothers to mourn his  
untimely death.  
The funeral will be attended from the  
house Thursday at 10.30 a. m. and will be  
private. Rev. O. J. Rose of Sweet's Cor-  
ners will conduct the services and the re-  
mains will be taken to Berlin, N. Y., for  
interment.

**Town Talk.**  
Mrs. L. K. Kinney has opened dress-  
making parlors at 24 Lincoln street.  
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ideal orchestra will furnish music for the  
dancing. Following is the program:  
Overture,  
Ideal orchestra.  
A Creole Love Song, Smith  
Impett quartet.  
Song and dance—Maria Johnson,  
John Merritt.  
National songs,  
a. Drink to Me Only, Old English  
b. Mollie Bawn, Irish  
c. My Rose, American  
Thomas Impett.  
Pussy's in the Well, Nevin  
Impett quartet.  
King O'er Land and Sea, Thompson  
George Kewley.  
Ben Bolt, Traditional  
Impett quartet.  
Song—Let Me Like a Soldier Fall, Maritana  
Edwin Humphrey.  
Serenaders, Haydn  
Messrs. Impett, Humphrey and Kewley  
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**The Berkshire National Bank of North**  
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The annual meeting of the stockholders  
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held at their banking house in North Ad-  
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Tuesday, the 11th Day of January  
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First, to choose directors for the ensu-  
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Second, to transact any other business  
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W. W. BUTLER, Cashier.  
North Adams, Mass., Dec. 6, 1896.

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Will give a public hearing on the pro-  
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Copies of the proposed ordinance may be  
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**Bargains in**  
**Kid Body Dolls.**  
75 Dolls, kid body and Bisque Head, bought to sell at  
98c, for 58c.  
100 Dolls, same as above, smaller size, bought to sell  
at 75c, now 45c.  
Bargains in Sterling Silver at 9c. Bargains in Fancy  
Boxes at 25c. Bargains in Umbrellas from \$1.25  
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See the articles on our 5c table. Buy Handkerchiefs  
Hosiery and Gloves here. Lowest price always

**Tuttle & Bryant, Wilson Block.**  
**Common Sense and Fashion**  
Go hand in hand in **Shoes** this season. Broad  
toes and soles are all the go. We have a Ladies'  
Heavy Dongola Shoe, lace and button, with kid and  
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for weather like this—\$2, \$2.50 and \$3 a pair.  
Goodyear "Glove" and Boston Rubbers.

**Murdock's Shoe Store, 7 Eagle St.**  
**A New Lot of**  
**COBBLERS' KITS** has just arrived to replenish  
our stock, which was rapidly sold out.  
Repair your own and your children's shoes, and  
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**Darby's Hardware Store,**  
Telephone 212. 49 Eagle Street.

**Diamonds**  
You can afford them at our prices. We are  
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Glance through our **Sterling Silver**  
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# SOCIETY'S ARBITER.

MRS. BAYLIES, WHO CUTS M'ALLISTER'S 400 DOWN TO 35.

A Haughty Daughter of the Van Rensselaers Who Limits the Socially Elect of New York and Has Succeeded Mrs. Astor as Leader.

New York society has been marked down from 150 to 35. These figures do not indicate cents. With cents society has nothing at all to do, no matter how you split the word. No, it means that there has been another weeding out of the socially elect and that this most recent process has made a startling reduction in the number of people who are in every way qualified to attend such sacred functions as the Patriarchs' ball and the first assembly.

Mrs. Edmund Baylies is the woman who did it.

This daring and autocratic arbiter of society, although she has not been so conspicuous in the society columns as have several other women over whom she now claims precedence and authority, has by no means just arrived. For a number of years she has been a social power, but it has only been during the last few seasons that she has come to be recognized as a leader among leaders.

McAllister recognized Mrs. Baylies. She and her husband were among the immortal 400 when he first organized society on exclusive lines. They were also in-



MRS. EDMUND BAYLIES.

cluded when the same social sovereign pared down his original list to 150.

But Mrs. Baylies needed not the McAllisterian approval. She was born to the purple. Herself a Van Rensselaer and a descendant of the famous old Albany patron of that name, she inherited with her birthright a patent of social aristocracy.

Almost imperceptibly Mrs. Baylies assumed the reins. When William Astor was the acknowledged queen, no one could be found who cared to dispute her leadership. Since the Drexton-Borrows episode, however, Mrs. Astor has been gradually slipping from her throne until now, by a bold movement, Mrs. Baylies completely unseats her and haughtily settles herself in the place, swinging the scepter just as if she had wielded it for years.

Mrs. Astor's abdicaton was not wholly voluntary. For so long time she attempted to hold the throne by appearing on more official occasions in her capacity as social leader. The Bradley Martin ball was one of these.

But Knickerbocker society cannot be managed by a passive ruler. Something

more than a figurehead is needed. The pressure of the outside thousands who are forever hammering at the gates is something tremendous and the social ruler who succeeds is the one who keeps up the barriers with the firmest hand. McAllister realized this. When some of the people whom he had been kind enough to include in his 400 showed a disposition to revolt against his leadership, he saw that a display of authority was necessary. He did this by revising his lists and leaving out most of the revolutionists. Those who remained had a new respect for his authority.

Mrs. Baylies evidently thought some action of this sort was necessary to emphasize her accession. So she took the revised McAllister list and went at it with a fine pencil.

My, but what havoc she has made!

Of the 70 and more women whom McAllister designated as eligible to exclusive Manhattan society she has left only 35. She evidently thought it unnecessary to name the masculine elements, knowing that the women would attend to that.

Either from motives of magnanimity or discretion Mrs. Baylies included both Mrs. Astors. This pleases everybody, for all of us Americans have been brought up with a tremendous amount of respect for the name of Astor, and we should look with suspicion upon a social list that did not begin with an Astor. But the Bond sisters, Amy and Beatrice, the Lloyd Bryces, the Brysons and the Bishops have been eliminated.

Poor things! I wonder how it feels to be blue penciled. Do you suppose it's anything like having a tooth pulled? Is it as painful as vivisection?

I suppose Mrs. Baylies could give me a good reason for each and every erasure from the social list. I do not suppose, however, that she will. If she does, I'll let you know.

As for Mrs. Baylies herself I do not wonder that no one ever thought of excluding her, not even McAllister. She has that haughty, regal air about her which seems to defy criticism. As a Van Rensselaer she was a noted beauty, and how Mr. Baylies ever had the courage to ask her to marry him I cannot imagine. She is really of only medium height, but her sharply pointed nose is so impressively on her beautiful neck and shoulders that even though a man is fully a foot taller, he cannot help but imagine that she is looking down on him.

Beauty and birth, however, are not the only qualities necessary for social supremacy. Mrs. Baylies knew what the others were, and she cultivated them. Always exclusive, of late years she has hedged herself about with more barriers than ever. It is said that for every invitation she accepts she declines 25. Her drawing room is the one fashionable place in New York to which access is most difficult. Her social circle is so small that all its members can meet in a drawing room of ordinary size.

These facts have been known for some time to society folk, but it has never until now been definitely decided who were the persons who constitute the social cream of the cream. We know now that Mrs. Baylies has given out her list, and when you visit New York paste it in your hat so that you may visit only the right people.

HOWARD SPENCE SINCLAIR.

Moles.

One who has tried it repeatedly says that moles may be removed by the following method: Seat the patient in a clear, strong sunlight. With a powerful sun glass bring the concentrated rays of the sun to bear on the excrescence five or ten minutes. In three or four weeks the mole will scab off and a new skin come on. If the mole should not be entirely removed by the first application, repeat. No scar will be left.—New York Ledger.

# LEARNED IN THE LAW

GOVERNOR GRIGGS, THE PROBABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

He Is One of the Ablest Lawyers in the Country and a Successful Politician. Senator Voorhees, Who Will Become Acting Governor of New Jersey.

John W. Griggs is the first Republican governor New Jersey has had for 25 years, and his prospective appointment to the post of attorney general, to succeed Judge McKenna in the cabinet of President McKinley, opens up an interesting political situation in the state, where there is an abundance of ambitious politicians and the governorship is a plum highly prized.

New Jersey has no lieutenant governor, but the constitution provides that the president of the senate shall succeed to the gubernatorial chair in the event of a vacancy. Just at present the senate has no



GOVERNOR JOHN W. GRIGGS.

president, as Senator McKenna, who filled that office, failed of re-election. Before the present emergency arose a majority of the Republican senators pledged their support to Foster M. Voorhees of Elizabeth as a candidate for president, and as the Republicans are in a majority it seems pretty well settled that Senator Voorhees will become acting governor when Mr. Griggs goes to Washington.

In the matter of legal ability Governor Griggs fills the bill most satisfactorily, for he is not only the foremost lawyer in New Jersey, but one of the best in all the country, and that is just what an attorney general should be. He has been practicing law for 37 years and has been counsel in some important cases. As a member of the cabinet, at \$8,000 a year, his income will be smaller than it is at present, for as governor of New Jersey he receives \$10,000 while for his services as president of a bank, president of a trust company and office counsel in important cases he gets as much as \$15,000 more every year. With all this Governor Griggs is not a rich man, for he has a large family and has contracted the habit of living comfortably.

Mr. Griggs was born 48 years ago in Sussex county, N. J., and was educated at Lafayette college, Easton, Pa. After graduation he worked as ticket agent for the Central railroad at Phillipsburg, meanwhile studying law. When he had saved up a few hundred dollars, he entered the law office of Socrates Tuttle, a famous old time lawyer in Paterson, the same office in which Vice President Hobart gained his legal lore. In 1871 he was admitted to the bar and became a partner

with Mr. Tuttle. With this start he fought his way to the top.

In the meantime he was fostering political ambitions. "John," said a fellow ticket agent to him one day while he was still reading law in Phillipsburg, "what do you intend to be when you get older?"

"Well, I think I should like to be governor of New Jersey," said Griggs.

"Good," said the other, "if I ever get the chance, I'll vote for you, even if you are a Republican." He did get the chance and kept his word.

Settling in Paterson, Mr. Griggs became active in state politics and was finally nominated for the legislature in what was considered a hopelessly Democratic district. He carried the district, however, much to the surprise of his own party and was re-elected several times. Then for several years he was city counsel for Paterson, and in 1882 he was elected to the state senate, serving a number of terms.

Senator Foster M. Voorhees, who hopes soon to become acting governor of New Jersey, has been for two sessions the most prominent member of the state senate and is well equipped to assume the duties of the chief executive. Like Governor Griggs, he is a native of New Jersey. He was born in Hunterdon county, Nov. 5, 1853, and at the age of 20 was graduated from Rutgers college. He studied law with Judge Magie and was admitted to the bar in Elizabeth, where he has practiced for a long time. He began his political career in 1888, when he was elected a member of the legislature, being re-elected for two succeeding terms. In 1893 he was sent to the state senate and was re-elected in 1895. In 1896 he became the Republican leader



SENATOR FOSTER M. VOORHEES.

In the senate and chairman of the judiciary committee.

As a political leader Mr. Voorhees has probably been more popular than Governor Griggs, for he is a cheerful, good natured man who seldom uses the sharp sarcasm which often pointed the latter's speeches. He is brilliant and resourceful, and has conducted himself well during some of the stormiest seasons in New Jersey politics.

S. R. MACDONALD.

His Plea For Mercy.

In a hog stealing case in a Georgia justice court the judge asked the prisoner what he had to say for himself.

He hesitated a moment; then, stepping forward, said:

"I stole dat hog, judge—yo' honner—but I wants you ter make de sentence light, kase he got 'way funn me no less dan six times, en I sprain two legs en one arm fo' I finally kitched him en got him on de fire!"—Atlanta Constitution.

# TAMMANY'S NEW PREMIER

How Carroll, Now Croker's Right Hand Man, Rose From the Ranks.

John F. Carroll, the new power in Tammany Hall who succeeds John Sheehan as right hand man to Richard Croker and who will be the acting premier of Greater New York, is a cool, suave, skillful politician, who, like most Tammany leaders, has come up from the bottom.

Mr. Carroll was born in New York 43 years ago. After getting a fairly good education in the public schools of that city he went to work as clerk in a grocery house. As soon as he was of age he began to take a lively interest in politics. He joined the Tammany organization as a mere private in the ranks, but his aptitude for ward work soon won him recognition from the district leader and he was rewarded with a place in the park department.

When Tammany went to pieces after the downfall of Tweed, Carroll was one of those who stuck by the wreck and worked



JOHN F. CARROLL.

hard to restore the organization. This loyalty was appreciated and when Tammany once more triumphed Carroll was made an attendant in the court of general sessions and assigned as clerk to the grand jury, in which position he became familiar with the administration of criminal justice. In 1881 he was appointed clerk in one of the district courts. He retained this place until 1888, when he was made clerk of the court of special sessions at a salary of \$4,000 a year. In 1892 he was promoted to the position he now occupies, that of clerk of the court of general sessions, where all the more important criminal cases are tried.

In the meantime Carroll had been making his way in politics. He had become the Tammany leader in one of the important up town districts and had shown his efficiency by closing up several gaps in the ranks and thoroughly organizing his forces. Later he retired from actual leadership, but still had power enough to name the leaders of two districts.

When Sheehan, by making a bid for independence, split with Croker, the latter turned to Carroll for aid and counsel. With discreet quietness Carroll responded and suggested his friend Van Wyck, then city judge, as candidate for mayor. Croker showed his appreciation of his new lieutenant by taking the suggestion, and thus was Carroll taken into the highest councils of what is probably the strongest and most remarkable local political organization in the country.

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House suitable for two families, three acres of land and henery. Apply 19 Vesque st., Tel. 1100-02.

A tenement. Inquire at office of P. J. Ashe. Tel. 1100-02.

A 6-room tenement, Luther st. \$14 per month. 16-room tenement, Victor pl. \$12 per month. 16-room tenement, Lincoln st. \$10 per month. Inquire at Beer & Dowling's office, Marlin's block. Tel. 1100-02.

A cottage, 7 rooms, 38 East Quincy st. Mrs. Emma J. J. Jones. Tel. 1100-02.

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A very desirable furnished front room, heat and use of bath. No. 2 New Blackinton bl. Tel. 1100-02.

Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, with furnace heat, hot and cold water, privilege of bath on same floor, suitable for light house-keeping, or for lodgings. Inquire at this office. Tel. 1100-02.

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Housework by the day by a colored woman. Apply 9 Winter st. Tel. 1100-02.

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Tuesday night, a sum of money. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. 37 Eagle street.

WILSON OPERA HOUSE.

One Solid Week, Commencing

MONDAY, December 13,

C. D. Henry's Comedy Co.

Supporting

Miss Maud Norton.

Opening Bill,

"THE GOLDEN CLIFF."

Specialties by Miss Mae Dudley Taylor, Frank Pierlot, W. J. Lewis and Jerry Hayes.

Prices 10—20—30.

Sents on sale at Wilson House Drug Store, Saturday.

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FRIDAY, December 17.

The Play that has made all America Talk,

Joseph Arthur's Greatest Success,

Blue Jeans.

Will never wear out.—N. Y. Herald.

As presented in

New York, 364 Times.

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Prices, 35—50—75.

Seats on sale at Bartlett's Wednesday.

BARGAIN DAY

This Week, Saturday, December 18.

Sponge and New York Fruit Cake, 12c each. Fresh Molasses Candy, only 10c per pound, a

McNeill, Caterer.

"Hot waffles, piping hot with maple syrup, at Hosford's, Day and night."

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences of snow and ice within 24 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty. By order of COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Edgar A. Stroud.

The death of Edgar A. Stroud, as briefly noted in this paper yesterday, occurred at his home on Chestnut street at 1.30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, December 14. The end came peacefully while all the members of his sorrowing family were gathered about his bedside.

For more than a year and a half past Mr. Stroud had been in poor health, and gradually an insidious disease, that baffled all the skill of physicians and tender nursing, fastened itself more and more strongly upon him and undermined the strength of what was once an unusually strong and robust constitution. All that loving care could do and the skill of the ablest physicians who could be consulted, did not avail against the inroads of disease. But manfully and courageously, almost against hope, he battled for life. Within a few days he had ridden out, trying to gain strength, and never despairing of the uneven battle. Life was very dear to him because it was dear to others who loved him and whom he loved. Last Saturday came a serious turn for the worse. Death could be fought off no longer, and with strength and consciousness gone, the stricken man's term of life depended only on the lasting of the mere physical forces. The spark of life lingered without brightening till Tuesday afternoon, when it went out.

Edgar Alonzo Stroud was born on what is still the old Stroud home, on the East road, in Stamford, Ct., July 14, 1854. His parents were Alonzo and Polly Stroud. The mother died at his birth and his father followed her to the grave within a month, leaving the little orphan to the kind hands of his grandparents, John and Melinda Stroud, who lived on the Stamford home where he was born. Here the boy's childhood and youthful days were spent, he receiving the common education of a country school. When a lad of 10 years, young Stroud, full of hope and with plenty of courage, came to North Adams to make his own way and to try his fortune. He secured a place in the old Johnson store, and by faithfulness and strict attention to duty won the favor and helpful interest of so good a friend as Sylvander Johnson, who always regarded him with the highest affection.

After several years employment at the Johnson store, where, although only a boy, he had demonstrated his ability to manage that business successfully, Mr. Stroud resolved to go into the confectionery business in a store on Main street opposite the present Wilson house. This venture proved a success, for it received that close and conscientious attention which characterized all of Mr. Stroud's business undertakings. The next business advancement was to the grocery store in the Beaver, which was followed by the purchase of the Union store. In these stores Mr. Stroud built up a desirable and lucrative trade and established for himself a substantial business reputation throughout the town and surrounding country. The business at the Beaver and Union was continued till the spring of 1896, when changes in the mills there necessitated a change in the stores. Accordingly, Mr. Stroud removed his store to a new building erected by him for the purpose on Ashland street, where he had the satisfaction of seeing his enterprise rewarded by the success that had followed all his business ventures.

Mr. Stroud's life was marked by an unflagging activity and a constant devotion to his business that was rewarded with uniform success. Left alone to make his way in the world, he proved himself strong an capable of doing it. He never knew what failure was. Honest in his dealings and purposes, he commanded the thorough respect and confidence of all who knew him. Solid in his business and sound in character, he was one of this city's most respected men, and at the time of his death was an honored member of the city council, always showing a keen interest in public affairs and always anxious to fulfill rightly his duties as a citizen.

In his family, he was a kind and tender, father and a loving husband. His solicitude for those within the home circle was ever watchful and tender, and it was within his home that he found all that was dearest to him in life. He was a kind and true neighbor, and practised toward all the teachings of the Christian faith of which he had been a professor since early manhood, and was a member of the Congregational church of this city at the time of his death.

Mr. Stroud was married to Laura Smith of Stamford, October 23, 1870, who survives him. To them were born five children of whom four are living, Mrs. Stella Spruill of Springfield, Mabel, Harriett and Clinton Stroud, who still reside at home.

The funeral, which will be private, will take place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the house, Rev. Mr. Tenney to officiate. The house will be open from 11 to 1 o'clock to give those who may wish an opportunity to view the remains.

Employment Bureau.

J. A. George of Williamstown opened in the Kimball block on Main street today the North Adams employment bureau, which he will endeavor to make of valuable assistance to persons seeking competent domestic help and to those seeking for situations. There is room in this city for such an establishment, and Mr. George will endeavor to conduct it in a manner to supply a recognized need and command the confidence of all. He has for some years conducted the Duncan house in Williamstown and knows from experience the disadvantage arising from the lack of proper facilities for bringing together domestic help and those who employ it. Mr. George's enterprise should prove a great convenience to the people of the city. His advertisement appears in another column.

District Court.

The following cases were in court this morning:

James Whalen and Daniel Haley, drunkenness, told to leave the city.

Adolphus Cardinal, assault, sentenced to 60 days in the house of correction.

Frank McKay, for being a tramp, continued until December 13.

The case against Joseph Sansoucy for bastardy was continued until Monday.

Calnan's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

IS HE THEIR FRIEND?

Workingman's Attitude to Hamer and His Contract Idea Discussed by An Opponent.

THE TRANSCRIPT in observance of its policy to grant men the privilege of expressing their opinions, prints the following timely communication that touches upon an important matter in the majority contest that has heretofore been overlooked:

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT.—I want to say a few words to the workmen of this city who are now being so frantically appealed to to give their votes to candidates for office on the grounds that this man and that man is the best one to have elected for their interest. I should have addressed myself to the people through the columns of the Evening Herald had I not been informed that no one can now hope to have a communication inserted in that paper unless he is willing to have his name signed to it. It is clear to you that many men who are willing to speak in times like these do not want their names brought up in print.

All have a selfish interest and at the very outset of this communication I want to state that it is on the score of selfishness that I am going to talk—at least my friends, the moralists would say so. I would prefer to call it common justice. If I am not wearisome let me explain the newspaper preference that I have just stated before proceeding to my sermon to the men whose ear I hope to get. My preference for the Herald would in this instance be solely on the grounds that I would expect to reach the men who have been influenced to a degree by that paper to act contrary to the way I should advise them.

To talk about this lauded system of contracting that Mr. Hamer has brought forward so prominently is my desire at the present time. We have heard a lot about it from that candidate for mayor, and the workingman is asked to vote for him because he is their friend, Mr. Editor, I very much doubt if the man who has his heart set on the contracting system is the friend of the workingman whether he knows it or not. The man who favors contracts is absolutely the workingman's enemy. You may be surprised at my statement but let us see if I am not right.

Is not the main principle of the contract system cheapness? CHEAPNESS—put that word in big type if you can for I want it remembered. Now, if the main element is cheapness does not that mean the most work that a man can get for his money? Does it not make the contractor offer to do the work wanted of him at the lowest possible price and then does he not push his laborers to the last degree to make them earn a profit for him? It is simply a question of how many shovelful or how many barrowful that contractor can get done for the dollar. Think then how that system places the workingman and think how friendly he should be to the man who would want to have him so placed. It is all right for the mayor, it is all right for the commissioner of public works and it is all right for the overseer and the contractor, but the money saved by this system, if any, comes out of the bones and the muscles of the workingman that must have the work or must appeal to the city for help or have his poor family suffer.

If Mr. Hamer is wedded to the system of contracting public work let him say whom he hopes to benefit by it, the workingman or the taxpayer—or if he thinks that he has any right to receive the vote of any man who has to earn his living by hard work or ever had to earn his living in that way. If Mr. Hamer were a workingman and thought a minute as I am now trying to think would he give his vote to the man who insists on the mercenary system of contracting.

When public work is offered to contractors it is quite likely that it will be done by outside labor and not by the inhabitants of the city which pay for it. You mark me, I say the inhabitants who pay for it. The workingman pays for the public work as well as the man who pays the big tax, for is it not admitted that the man who owns the tenement or the mill counts in his taxes with his expenses before he decides on the rent he will ask or the wages that he will pay the help. The work will probably be done by outside help, I say, and not by the citizens who pay for it and have the only right to the work, Mr. Hamer, if he wishes to defend himself against this, cannot avoid the point by saying that he would put a clause in the contract that the work must be done by local labor.

Imagine such a clause in the contract. The contractor bids if he is foolish enough to bid on a contract that has a clause stating that local labor must be employed. Few will do it. Most contractors will bid if the clause allows them to employ local help in preference to other help when practicable. It is hardly ever practicable for a contractor to employ local help for it is hardly ever to his interest. He wants to employ the men of whom he will make the largest profit and he is not to be blamed for that when the city asks him to work for the lowest possible. He will

The Meadows Flooded.

The heavy rains for the past few days have caused the water in Hoosac river to rise rapidly and overflow its banks. The meadows at Zylonite in Adams and those of A. O. Hodge and Oscar D. Cook, near Hoosac Valley park are covered with about three feet of water. The work on the bridge at Hodge's crossing had been sufficiently advanced so that the high water did no special damage though quite a little lumber was carried away. The south part of W. A. Ballou's farm, John Bond's meadows and those of Richmond, Farnum and Flagg are also converted into small lakes.

Greylock Lodge Officers.

The following officers were elected by Greylock lodge of Masons Tuesday night: W. M., Dwight White; S. W., S. W. Smith; J. W., E. P. Linwell; treasurer, Fred Harrington; secretary, Eugene Franchere; trustee, Hobart Tower; S. D., Charles W. Ford. The appointive officers will be announced later.

come to the city then prepared to employ local help when "practicable." He sets a few of his cheap, over-worked men to work on the job and asks for local help to accept the same wages and the same conditions. What local laborer can accept the wages or the conditions? Who in this city could have lived on the same fare, accept the same wages and do the same amount of work that the Italians did that Mr. Van Campen brought here to pave Main street or what man could have put up with the conditions that prevailed at the finishing of the Natch reservoir? No one. There is no escape for the poor laborer under contract. He must work until he is hardly able to drag his exhausted body home and he carries hardly enough money with him to buy food to give him strength for another day's slavery. Oh, no! The advocate of the contract system is no friend of the workingman.

It is some days since I was compelled to earn my living by very hard labor, that is, by very hard manual labor, but I hope I never shall be so careless as to forget the day I had to do that and be so careless that I will have no sympathy with and interest in the poor man that is doing it now, has had to do it all his life and will have to do it until he dies. I have not lost that interest and sympathy yet and for that reason I shall not vote for Mr. Hamer and his contract idea. I believe in a fair day's work for a fair day's wages and I shall insist upon it by the ballot as long as I can and I believe that all men should do the same thing. That is the thing that I wanted to say when I began this letter. I have respect for the corporations in this city who have never allowed their work to be done by contract and have employed local men at a fair price and asked nothing but a fair day's work from them. I understand that the Arnold Print works and other corporations do this. I believe in the administration that it is now bearing an end because it did as much of the public work as it could without the oppressive contractor. I am glad that in the letting of contracts of work that it had not experts to do such as the contract for the paving of Marshall street, that it let them to men who would employ local labor at a fair price. And I am very sorry indeed, that in such a case as the paving of Marshall street that the contractor should lose money. That contractor was not contractor enough for his own good, no matter how untrustworthy Mr. Hamer has tried to make him appear.

Now in conclusion at this time let me ask in all fairness what has the contracting system given us in this country? It has given us the Hungarians, and the Italians of that class which cheapens labor and lowers the standard of living. It has given us a system that employs prison labor to compete with the labor of honest men. It has brought about a condition that brings men of low grade to our door to do the work that our people at home should do and leaves some of them behind to compete with the local men for their permanent jobs in the mills. It has reduced men to a point where they live in hordes as cattle do in droves in the fields and has made the home insecure. What has the cry raised about it here in this city done? It has placed in the front a man and a set of men who are pledged to it and who want to get into office to put it into effect. It has caused the introduction of it into one of our shoe factories to the sorrow of the help employed there. That is the trouble at Sampson's as I understand it from reading the Herald. And just think it has frightened the commissioner of public works that he would not give to the men in the wet bottomless sewer pit in the Union an increased wage as recommended by their overseer, who saw that they were working unusually hard and running great risks. And this is only some of the things that it has done here.

If I were to be asked for advice by the laboring men of this city what to do in this election I should advise them to vote against the men who are pushing the contract idea into the heads of the people. I should ask them to sustain the men who interpret the charter to allow of the doing of public work by local men at reasonable prices, to endorse the men who have endeavored against a loud shout of mismanagement, to do this thing. I should tell them to elect men to office who will see that the workingmen's interest is not overlooked. I should say three or four times with all the strength of my lungs do not vote for Mr. Hamer and his contract hobby. Elect Mr. Hamer and you elect the contract system that grinds the workingman to make a profit for the contractor, that in the nature of things gives over all public work to strangers who care not how he lives and buys not from the merchant, for no local laborer can stand the contract strain or put up with the contract wages. Mr. Hamer and his contract idea are bad for the workingman.

Bank Caved In.

There is a small sand bank on the side of the Hoosac Valley Street Railway company's track near the bend in the road at Hoosac Valley park, here the company gets sand and dirt for grading and repairing purposes. At the upper part of the bank stands a ledge. For some time it was thought that part of the ledge which is of a soft substance would break off and possibly slide onto the track. Suspensions were correct for the heavy rain Monday and Tuesday evenings caused a large cinder weighing about 30 tons to break off and a part of the bank caved in. The part broken off slid to within a few feet of the track and fortunately staid there. It happened about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening and only a short delay in the running of the cars was caused by some earth and cobblestones which covered one of the rails.

P. H. Smith of Cady street is on the sick list.

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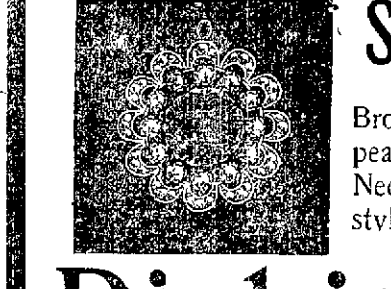
I have established a first-class employment bureau at Room 7, Kimball Block, Main street, where I shall be able to supply domestic help. I shall use my best efforts to secure a satisfactory class of help and will relieve patrons of all trouble in hiring.

J. A. GEORGE, Prop., Office hours: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

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